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Ty Cortez slips in for a touchdown at the Winters vs. Menard District Championship game.

Blizzards return to the gridiron this Friday vs. Munday

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- After their perfect score in district play and having earned a week bye, the 2014 District Champions Winters Blizzards will be returning to the gridiron this Friday night, November 21, at Tuscola, to face Munday in the Area round of the high school football playoffs. Kickoff is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Winters will be facing Munday after the Moguls' bi-district win over Baird on Friday, November 14, 2014. Munday defeated Baird by a score of 47-0.

Munday finished the regular season with a record of 4-1, second place of the District 7-2A Div. II standing, just behind the Hamlin Pied Pipers (5-0).

The Winters Blizzards are fired up by the great season they had with only one defeat in a non district game, and by having claimed the District gold football, an accomplishment they hadn't been able to achieve since the season of 1998.

Key for the Blizzards will be to stop the dual threat of senior quarterback Alfonso Nunez, who passed for 15 touchdowns during the season and was the second most productive rushing the ball with 1,153 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Winters will also be needing to keep an eye on sophomore running back Day'veon Dockins, who tallied 1,738 yards and 20 touchdowns. Nunez's favorite receiver was Temeरिक Reagins, a junior who caught 28 passes for 923 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Winters will be relying on its offense, led by quarterback Jimmy John Ripley. Ripley finished the season with 44 of 100 for 882 yards and 12 touchdown passes. Daryl Hagle leads the receiving department with 13 receptions for 349 yards and 12 touchdowns. Lukas Kraatz had 11 receptions for 321 yards and three touchdowns while each one of Chris Diaz and Julian Soto caught one touchdown pass.

Rushing, Jimmy John Ripley had 110 carries in the regular season for 1,067 yards and 13 touchdowns, Stephon Cleghorn had 69-484 for a total of nine touchdowns, while each one of Ty Cortez and Michael Chavis finish the regular season with five touchdowns. Jonathan Sandoval and Julian Soto tallied one touchdown each.

Highlights of the defense include Chris Diaz with 106 tackles, Jake Brock had 94, Julian Soto 92, Lukas Kraatz 78, Taylor Hooper 60, Ethan Bredemeyer 57, and each one of Jonathan Sandoval and Jimmy John Ripley had 55 tackles.

Armando Rodriguez and Julian Soto lead the charts in sacks, each with six quarterback captures, followed by Chris Diaz with 5 and Cameron Cooper with 3.

Winters Secondary School Media Center awarded Walmart Grant

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The Winters Secondary School Media Center was awarded the Walmart Community Grant, an award that will help to further fund ongoing and new infrastructure projects, aimed to better serve the students and update educational resources at the Media Center.

"Winters Secondary School Media Center received the Walmart Community Grant," said Winters ISD Media Specialist Rhea Parramore in a statement.

The school was presented with \$500 to fund the Media Center to promote literacy and to start the Maker Space project.

The Maker Space project, Parramore explained, is a cooperative learning area located in the Media Center. Maker Space will have activities that both teach

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Cold front brings a taste of winter to the Big Country

Mercury plunges to low 20s

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- A cold front combined with overnight moisture, dropping a little snow on Sunday evening, and created dangerous and slick conditions in area roads and bridges. The front plunged temperatures in the mid and low 20s bringing a little taste of the upcoming winter to Winters and the Big Country.

A driver got stranded Sunday night, when an SUV went over the median on the U.S. Highway 67 bridge over the Elm Creek near Ballinger.

The Ballinger Police Department and Runnels County Sheriff's Office worked the accident helping out the driver of the SUV and preventing more incidents until the Texas Department of Transportation sand truck arrived to the site. No other major incidents were reported.

According to TxDOT the cold front affected IH-20 in Taylor, Callahan, Nolan, and Mitchell counties making roads impassable.

Slick and dangerous road conditions were also reported on US-84 in Taylor, Nolan, and Scurry counties; US-277 in Taylor and Jones Counties; and TX-70 in Nolan County.

Under dangerous,



PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Monday morning this area woke up to a white blanket covering everything with a little snow and cold temperatures in the low 20s.

slick conditions TxDOT encourages motorists to stay off of the roadway unless it's an emergency. If the driver is in a must-drive emergency, they recommend to slow down to a crawl. In winter weather wrecker services are tied up and anyone getting stuck out in the cold could be waiting some time before the arrival of help.

According to the National Weather Service temperatures will rise a little in the upcoming days, with lows in the mid 40s on Thursday and Saturday night. The highs will be a little more pleasant, with sunny to partly cloudy



A driver on the U.S. Hwy 67 bridge over the Elm Creek found the road slick and dangerous.

days in the mid 60s. The Weather Service is also forecasting 50

percent chances of rain for Friday night, and 60 percent for Saturday.



Runnels Co 4-Hers take top places in Quizbowl

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Sno-Royalty pageant and Christmas Parade to warm up the holidays

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- The 2014 holiday season is quickly approaching, and the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the annual Christmas parade and Sno-Royalty pageant. This year the pageant will be held on Saturday, December 13.

The Christmas parade will be kicking off the event at 2 p.m. All kinds of floats are encouraged to participate. Entry forms for floats and decorated vehicles are available. A \$10 entry fee is required only if the participant wants his or her entry to be vote on.

This year the pageant will be held at the Lone Star Video parking lot, at 200 Tinkle Street. Registrations are now open for the pageant.

Kindergarten to fourth grade girls can participate



PHOTO: FILE

The Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, December 13, starting at 2 p.m.

in the Sno-Flake pageant, the Snow-Princess contest is for fifth through eighth grade girls, and the Sno-Queen pageant is open

for girls in ninth through twelfth grade. Entry fee is \$20. All participants are required to have a sponsor, be it a business or an

individual. Sponsors must be members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Entry forms for the 2014 Sno-Royalty pageant are available at Lone Star Video, Winters City Hall, Daisy Patch, Winters Elementary, Junior High and High School offices.

Winners of the Sno-Royalty pageant will be representing the city and the chamber of commerce throughout the year, in public events in Winters and the surrounding area.

The winner of the Sno-Queen crown will be getting a \$500 prize sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. The first runner-up will be getting a \$250 prize donated by Lloyd Farris, and the second runner-up will be receiving a \$100 prize courtesy of the Winters Lions Club.

All Sno-Royalty will be given a sash and crown.

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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Lavanda Russell Dobbins

Lavanda Russell Hayward Dobbins, 74, of Abilene and formerly of Winters, Texas, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, November 10, 2014. Funeral Services will be at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, November 14, 2014 at Belmont Baptist Church, 2117 Palm St., Abilene, Texas, with Rev. Jimmy Griffith and Rev. David Cason officiating.

Burial will follow at the Crews Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, November 13, 2014 at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Rd, Abilene, Texas.

Lavanda was born July 7, 1940 to Alfred and Claudie Russell in Winters, Texas. She graduated from Winters High School in 1958. She loved playing basketball.

Lavanda worked as a secretary for the Abilene County Attorney for three and one half years. She was Executive Secretary for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce for three years and was secretary for West Central Oil and Gas Association for seven years. She opened the first Armstrong McCall Beauty Supply in Abilene and operated it for 15 years. She then opened the first RDA Beauty Supply (Redken) in Abilene and operated it for 16 years. She retired in April 2005.

Lavanda loved singing in the choir at Broadview Baptist Church before joining Belmont Baptist. Lavanda married Richard "Rick" Dobbins on July 15, 2000.

Lavanda is survived by her husband, Rick Dobbins; son, Russell Hayward and wife Carol of Abilene; daughter, Rhonda Bahlman and husband Chris of Winters, Texas; granddaughters, Christa Bahlman of Winters, Jennifer Sullivan of Woodson; grandsons, Chaney Bahlman of Winters, Kyle Hayward and Brian Willcockson of Abilene; step-daughter, Kelly Dobbins and step-son Michael Miller; step-granddaughter, Ashley Garza all of Wisconsin and five great-grandchildren.

Lavanda was preceded in death by her parents; a loving sister, Wanda Brown of Abilene; sister, Juanita Hill; brother, Winford Reel of Winters.

Memorials may be made in honor of Lavanda to Belmont Baptist Church, 2117 Palm St., Abilene, Texas 79602 or a charity of your choice.

Pallbearers will be Ken Reel, Brad Galbraith, Ed Gogora, Donny Little, Tim Earles, and Galen Engel.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Don Pattillo, Troy Snow, and Dalton Deterding.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.Hamil-FuneralHome.com.



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Don't mess with Texas scholarships now \$10,000

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN- Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation's Don't mess with Texas program invite high school students statewide to share their achievements as leaders in litter prevention and environmental responsibility. To inspire more awareness among young Texans and recognize those already leading the effort toward positive litter habits, the organizations have partnered to announce the 12th annual Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest.

With hundreds of applicants last year, the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest has doubled the amount of funds that will be awarded to \$10,000

in total scholarships for 2015.

One \$6,000 grand prize scholarship and two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded this spring.

The Don't mess with Texas Scholarship contest recognizes the accomplishments of high school seniors who have taken leadership roles to prevent litter in their schools and/or communities. The contest, sponsored by real estate and oil and gas company Forestar, is open to high school seniors currently attending public, private or home school in Texas and planning to attend an accredited Texas university or college next year. Applications must be received by April 4, 2015.

More information [out-dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org)

Community Grant: Impacting neighborhoods

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and empower students.

"I am very proud that our Media Center was chosen to receive one of the Walmart Community Grants," she added.

The Walmart Community Grant is an award created to impact the neighborhoods where Walmart employees live and work. Through this program Walmart supports the needs of communities by providing grants to local organizations.

The Community Grants program awards grants of \$250 to \$2,500 to eligible organizations including tax-exempt organizations, recognized government entities such as: state, county, or city agencies including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes.

Kindergarten through 12 grade public or private schools, charter schools, community/junior colleges, state/private colleges or universities are also eligible, as well as churches or other faith-based organizations with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

An application must be completed in full and submitted online to be considered.

NEWS NOTES

Christmas for Kids program in need of donations, sponsors

Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County's "Christmas for Kids" program is in need of sponsors for 22 children from Runnels County who are presently in foster care or are receiving early intervention services. You can sponsor a child by obtaining their "Wish List" and purchasing the items or by making a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the items. Depending upon the age of the child, the total cost per child is \$50-75. To be provided with a child's wish list, please contact Laura Mallory, 365 1772. To make a monetary donation, please make your gift payable to the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County and send it directly to: Connie Gauwain, Children's Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 5195, San Angelo, TX 76902. Please be sure to note on your check "Christmas for kids program - Runnels County."

Winters 125th Birthday

The Quasquicentennial Christmas Tree Ornaments are here. They are on sale at the Rock Hotel Gift Shop and other retailers around town. The funds raised will be used to fund other souvenir purchases and from those sales we will have sufficient monies to support our planned activities.

The committee's next meeting will be at the Rock Hotel Dinning Room at 5:30 Thursday, November 20. There is a tentative schedule of events but, the committee is still open to suggestions. Bring your suggestions to the meeting. The committee is also looking for event committee chairmen and helpers. For more information contact John Long at zihalemuseum@wtxs.net or (325) 754 5389.

Immunization clinics in Runnels County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will have two immunization/flu clinics for children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured, adults with no insurance in Runnels County. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please call at 754 4945, if no answer leave a message.

The first clinic will be held in Winters, on Thursday, December 4, 10-12 and 1:30-3 p.m. at the Professional building, 110 South Main Street, Suite 108. For your convenience use rear entrance on Grant St.

A second clinic will be held in Ballinger on Wednesday, December 17, 10-12 and 1:30-3 p.m. at 600 Strong, Corner of Sixth and Strong Ave.

Please bring child's immunization records if child has Medicaid please bring card.

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meetings

Winters Area Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 p.m.

first Monday of the month at Lone Star Video, 200 Tinkle Street.

TEEA 'Friendly Neighbors'

The Texas Extension Education Agency "Friendly Neighbors" invites everybody in the Winters and Ballinger area who is interested in learning about cooking, gardening and arts and crafts to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except during summer) at 2 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the corner of South Seventh and Sealy Ave in Ballinger.

If you are interested and like to find out more about us, call Nancy at 325 5042 or Linda 754 5385.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

WIC open to many incomes and families

Women Infants and Children, located at 706 Strong Ave in Ballinger is open Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Closed every third and fourth Monday of each month. Phone (325) 365 5925. WIC is open to many incomes and all kinds of families.

Ballinger Masonic Lodge meeting

Masonic Lodge No. 643, 500 N Broadway, Ballinger, Texas. Stated meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except for holidays if it falls on that Monday. For more information call (325) 365 3202.

Wingate Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, Texas Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754 2048.

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge meetings

Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 613 meets the first Thursday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. Supper will be provided after the meeting. The location is the Masonic Lodge building located at 360 South Roberts on Highway 83 South.

Picking vegetables to grow starts with knowing where to plant

KATHLEEN PHILLIPS SPECIAL TO THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

COLLEGE STATION- No matter how you look at it, the online Texas Vegetable Variety Selector will help growers choose the best types to grow in a particular locale, according to Dr. Joe Masabni, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist in College Station.

"It's a one-stop website designed to help AgriLife Extension agents and the people they serve throughout the state," said Masabni, the site's creator. "I collected the variety recommendations from all the counties and updated them with the currently available varieties."

At the site, http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg_variety/, a viewer can start with either a county or region.

An interactive map helps the user determine how to select alocation.

If a specific county is selected, Masabni explained, the user then can either select a specific vegetable or request a list of all vegetables for that county. The resultant list will provide several possibilities and the number of days required from planting to harvest.

If "all vegetables" is selected, the list will yield categories of vegetables with several possible varieties for each and the number of growing days before harvest in the specific county, he added.

In some cases, a grower might want to view vegetable varieties that are good for a region, Masabni said.

"I designed the map to include a region primarily because some counties

are in transition between two climatic zones, which makes it hard to determine which variety list to choose," he said. "By choosing a region, one may get a more accurate list of vegetables rather than trying to guess which zone fits a location better."

When selecting a region, the user can also narrow the list by specific vegetable or get a list of all vegetables with the varieties best suited for that area, Masabni said.

"Some crops and varieties can be grown in many regions of Texas. Other crops, such as onions, and some varieties, such as Celebrity tomato, are more adapted to particular regions than others," Masabni said. "Choosing the right variety is a big step for a grower - whether commercial or at home - to have a success-

ful crop." The database contains information for more than 240 counties and eight regions, he said. In all, more than 40 vegetables and 200 varieties are listed for possibly growing in the state.

At this point, there isn't information for Far West Texas, Masabni said, though he is working to determine varieties for that region and will add them soon.

"The list of varieties comes from two sources - from results of research conducted by AgriLife Extension specialists and county agents and from demonstration trials," he added. "Some varieties that are not on the list may have worked well for a gardening enthusiast but are not on our list, pending research-based trials."

Freeze came in just about the right time for South Plains cotton

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION- The first hard freeze for the South Plains and Lubbock area came on Nov. 13 -14, about 10 days later than average, which was timely for finishing up the area's cotton, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

The average time for the first hard freeze in the area is around the end of October or the first of November, said Mark Kelley, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock. This year, the cotton was running about 10 days to two weeks behind because of cooler than normal days, late plantings and a wet early fall.

Moreover, because of premature freezes last year and the year before, producers were worried they would have another early October freeze, Kelley said.

"It was time for it," he said. "We had a lot of crops that we were having a difficult time getting killed because the moisture we received earlier in the fall. This freeze shut everything down, terminated the crop, and hopefully opened up some bolls that weren't

open yet."

Kelley said from field examinations he did after the freeze, he found bolls cracking and he expected by the time conditions dried down after the light snow the area received along with the freeze, harvesting was likely to start "hot and heavy."

The bit of moisture from the snow shouldn't affect quality either, he said. Approximately 5 to 10 percent of the region's crop was harvested before the freeze.

"Micronaires were showing the crop was pretty mature at the time of the freeze, and around that 4.2 mark, which is still in the premium range," he said. "Color grade was running about 21. That's one thing we watch when we get these late precipitation events, and unless we get a lot of rain or snow between now and harvest, we should be good."

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Runnels Review

Tis' the season...

By Ruben Cantu

Tis' the season for joy, the holidays are here and starting next week a whirlwind of events, sales and specials will be driving everyone everywhere. The turkey, dressings, desert, everything needs to be in place.

For many this is a wonderful season, but for some a series of political events, triggered by the November general election has already started to unfold.

Pressured by the upcoming changes in the U.S. Senate, where Republicans will be taking control starting in January, a series of votes are being made. Just this Tuesday, the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, which some Democrats were pushing in favor of their fellow Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu was voted. The bill failed to pass in the Senate by one vote 59-41.

Some other bills likely to be seen and discussed in Congress and the White House before year's end are the immigration reform and the Affordable Care Act.

In more positive news U.S. Representative Mike Conaway was named the 50th Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

"The work that farmers and ranchers do is part of our country's foundation. They feed, fuel, and clothe our nation. I look forward to building on the bipartisan work of the chairmen who have led this committee for the past two centuries," said Conaway in a statement.

The powerful committee oversees the Farm Bill, which for many years has been attached to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Conaway has referred to the loopholes and malfunctions in the welfare program in the past. Now he is in a position where he will be able to address such problems. Stay tuned because we could see important changes in the funding of SNAP in the near future.

Sunday night the Ballinger Ministerial Alliance will be hosting the annual community Thanksgiving service in the Carnegie Library, Mary Sykes Auditorium at 7 p.m. Speaker will be David Dunn, minister of Seventh Street Baptist Church.

As every year Dale and Ida Lee Ellis will be providing a wonderful musical program with the school choirs.

The Ministerial Alliance is asking for support with the Thanksgiving food boxes this year. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

A District Judge in Travis County denied a defense motion to have two charges dismissed against Governor Rick Perry.

Perry's defense team argued the indictment should have been voided over questions regarding the validity of the oath of office taken by the special prosecutor Michael McCrum.

Judge Bert Richardson ruled that McCrum's authority was not voided by the irregularities in how and when the oath of office and statement of officer were administered.

"It is the act of swearing, not the signature itself, that is essential," the ruling reads.

The weekly smile: Excuse me madam, Do you have Acetylsalicylic Acid?
— You mean Aspirin?
— Exactly! Sorry, I always forget the name.

Texas cattle raisers opposing EPA water rule proposal

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

FT. WORT- The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President, Pete Bonds, made the following statement after TSCRA submitted comments last week opposing the Environmental Protection Agency and United States Army Corps of Engineers waters of the U.S. rule proposal. The rule would redefine the term navigable under the waters of the U.S. to give the federal government jurisdiction over all water in the country.

"As a cattle rancher and landowner, the EPA water rule proposal causes me a great deal of concern," said Bonds. "If implemented the federal government would have control over all water in the U.S., clear down to the water that falls off the brim of my hat when it rains."

"The rule goes even further to expand EPA's authority to not only water, but also ditches and man-made conveyances that could hold water. Additionally, it would require landowners to obtain costly permits to apply pesticides, graze cattle, conduct construction projects and perform other routine maintenance on their land. These permits can take up to a year to receive."

"This rule amounts to the largest land grab in history and would not be good for the cattle industry or the landowners in our country. I hope the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers will take our comments into serious consideration and realize the detrimental impact this proposal could have on our important industry if it is implemented," Bonds added.

Public Record

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Cody M. Pruser and Kristen E. Cowling		Nov. 5
Adam C. Harper and Amanda R. Deaver		Nov. 7
Marty J. Gibbs and Cynthia M. McCoy		Nov. 10
Joeray A. Fernandez and Caitlain O. Lara		Nov. 13
Divorces		
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Gay Lynn Harrelland and Cinthia S. Bishop		Nov. 13
Runnels County Jail Record		
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- 21 Red or green fruit
- 23 Lumberjack's tool
- 26 ___ and improved
- 27 "___ over here!"
- 29 Singer Krauss
- 31 Customer
- 32 Goes up
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- 34 Edge
- 37 Dull pain
- 38 Strong winds
- 39 Novelist Austen
- 40 "Over here!"
- 41 Boy's name
- 42 Takes to the sea
- 43 Mozart works
- 45 Walks casually
- 46 Words like "hats" and "cats"
- 48 Honest prez
- 49 Place for a pig
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- 23 Politician Palin
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- 27 Back street
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- 30 Understand
- 31 Cools down
- 33 Pappas' mates
- 35 Arm of the sea
- 36 In need of a cleaning
- 38 "Gone ___"
- 39 Quick punch
- 41 Goes after with claws out
- 42 Told lies about
- 44 Not post-
- 45 Sleeping to poets
- 46 "Melrose ___"
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- 48 Church section
- 51 Trait carrier
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER GRID

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Weather Whys

Q: What is a lunar rainbow?
A: It's a rainbow that has been formed by moonlight instead of sunlight, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "A lunar rainbow is sometimes called a moonbow, but they're the same thing," he explains. "Lunar rainbows are fairly rare. They are usually whitish in color and occur only during a full moon, and as is the case with a rainbow, the light source must be behind you. Lunar rainbows tend to be much fainter than normal rainbows because our eyes don't see color as well at night, plus moonlight produces less color than sunlight."

CAFETERIA MENU

Subject to Change*

Nov. 24-28 Winters ISD Breakfast Menu

- Monday**
Biscuit/Sausage/Gravy or Cereal
w/Graham Cracker, Applesauce, Fruit
Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
French Toast Sticks or Cereal w/Graham Cracker, Pear, Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
HOLIDAY
- Thursday**
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Winters ISD Lunch Menu

- Monday**
Chef Salad or Grilled Cheese Sandwich/
Fish Bread (Elem., JH) or Chicken
Pot Pie/Graham Cracker (Elem., JH)
Breadstick (HS), Mashed Sweet Potatoes,
Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks,
Apple, Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday**
Chef Salad or Meatball Sub or Chicken
Nugget, Mac n Cheese, Peas & Carrots,
Tossed Salad/Carrot Sticks, Blue Bell
Fruit Bar, Choice of Milk.
- Wednesday**
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Farmers, ranchers encouraged to make their voices heard

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STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture is encouraging farmers and ranchers to make their voices heard by voting in the upcoming Farm Service Agency County Committee elections. FSA Administrator Val Dolcini announced that Monday, November 3, 2014, USDA started mailing out ballots for the 2014 elections to eligible producers across the country. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by the December 1, 2014, deadline to ensure that their vote is counted.

"The role and input of our county committee members is vital as we implement the 2014 Farm Bill," said Dolcini. "New members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of FSA programs. We have seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates willing to serve on county committees, helping to

better represent the diversity of American agriculture."

FSA County Committee members provide an important link between the local agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs; emergency programs and eligibility. County committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on August 1, 2014.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week may pick one up at their local USDA Service Center or FSA office. The deadline to submit ballots is Dec. 1, 2014. Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked no later than December 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2015.

Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve in the 2,124 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members elected by eligible producers. Members serve 3-year terms of office. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2014 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/pYV3> to find an FSA office near you.



Quilt raffle benefits the Senior Citizens Center

Diane Laird was the lucky winner of the quilt raffled off by the Ballinger Quilters, benefiting the Runnels County Senior Citizens Center. The drawing was held Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Senior Citizens Center. Pictured here are left to right: Iris Blake, Mary Ann McShan and Diane Laird.

The quilt honors the memory of the late Velma Muller. The blocks were beautifully hand quilted by Velma, but it wasn't until recently when her husband Lee Roy Muller found them and decided to donate the pieces to the quilting club. The Ballinger Quilters put the piece together.

Proceeds of the raffle will be benefiting the Runnels County Senior Citizens Center. The kitchen of the Senior Citizens Center in Ballinger serves all three senior citizens centers in Ballinger, Winters, and Miles.

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Trees available through Soil and Water Conservation District windbreak program

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

BALLINGER—A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living. But the systematic planting of trees in a windbreak becomes a management tool that affects every aspect of the farm or ranch.

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Arborvitae, Austrian pine, baldcypress, bur oak, deodar cedar, desert willow, fourwing saltbush, hackberry, Italian stone pine, lacebark elm, osage orange, pinyon pine, sand plum, sawtooth oak, shumard oak, and pecan.

Seedlings to produce such a conservation tree planting are available for ordering through Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and are produced by the Texas Forest Service at West Texas Nursery in Idalou. The deadline to order is February 2, 2015 and the trees will arrive on February 12, 2015.

For more information please call the office at (325) 365 3415 ext. 3 or come by 2000 Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

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STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds farm owners and producers that the opportunity to choose between the new 2014 Farm Bill established programs, Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage, started on November 17, 2014, and continues through March 31, 2015.

The new programs, designed to help producers better manage risk, usher in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

"USDA is committed to keeping farm owners and producers well informed on all steps in this process to ensure that they have all of the information that they need before making their coverage choice," said Farm Service Agency Administrator Val Dolcini. "The new ARC and PLC programs provide a more rational approach to helping farmers manage risk by ensuring families don't lose the farm because of events beyond their control."

USDA helped create online tools to assist in the decision process, allowing farm owners and producers to enter information

about their operation and see projections that show what ARC and/or PLC will mean for them under possible future scenarios. Farm owners and producers can access the online resources, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, from the convenience of their home computer or mobile device at any time.

"In addition to the new online tools, USDA has done extensive outreach, including partnering with State Cooperative Extension Services to hold meetings and meet with farm owners and producers," said Dolcini. "USDA leaders will continue visiting with farm owners and producers to share information and answer questions the new programs. We want to help producers boil the information down, understand their options and make the best decision on which program - ARC or PLC - is right for them."

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

Dates associated with ARC and PLC that farm owners and producers need to know:

Now through Feb. 27, 2015: Farm owners may visit their local Farm Service Agency office to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres.

Now through March 31, 2015: Producers make a one-time election between ARC and PLC for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

Mid-April 2015 through summer 2015: Producers sign contracts for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

October 2015: Payments issued for 2014 crop year, if needed.

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To learn more about which safety net options are most appropriate for specific farming operations, farmers can use new Web tools at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, which can be accessed from the convenience of a home computer or a mobile device at any time. To learn more about upcoming educational meetings, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office at <http://go.usa.gov/pYV3>

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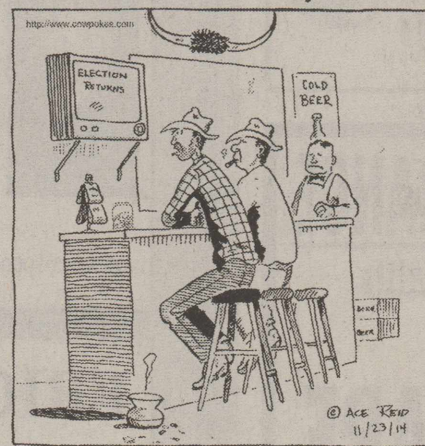
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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Shirts on his back...

Commentary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Now the story can be told. If necessity is the mother of invention, surely resourcefulness is a first cousin. Sometimes it cuts off anxiety — and other “downers” — at the pass.

A mom well down life's highway decided to “come clean” on how she's avoided both “wash day blues” and “ironing day blues.” A system she implemented long ago — well before housewives were rescued by “wash and wear” clothing — saved her countless hours in the laundry room.

She had no aching back, and she got her hubby's white shirts washed and ironed for nothing — actually at a small profit — when the IRS tax savings were rolled in....

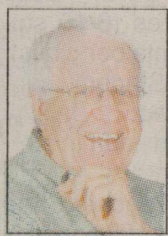
This woman — in marital harness longer than most horses — has seen

the snows of many winters and has dealt with a ton of household chores that seem to multiply — all this since Hector was but a wee pup.

Drat it all, she winces, life might have been different if her hubby hadn't been a professional — the kind calling for fresh white shirts each day. Until she discovered “the system,” she wilted, surrendering to debilitating smothering spells at the prospect of draconian washday chores, followed by grueling hours at the ironing board.

Readers may assume I'm writing about my Uncle Mort's long-suffering wife Maude. But wait. Mort, now 102, has never been an executive, and he wears white shirts only to funerals of next of kin. You'd be

right, though, in guessing the ingenious woman was made from the same mold, the one said to have been broken BEFORE Mort was born....



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Okay, so you want to know “the system.” She studied the “ins and outs” of Goodwill in considerable detail. Let's call her “Mrs. Skipwork,” whose creative juices flowed like water rushing down mountains when spring sunshine claimed rivers from deep drifts of snow.

Each Friday morning, she dropped off five soiled white shirts at Goodwill, aware they'd be washed by midday, ironed before closing time and on the sales rack the first thing Monday morning.

She got a \$2.50 tax cred-

it for each shirt “donated,” then showed up early on Mondays to buy back the shirts for 50 cents each.

“It worked for decades,” Mrs. Skipwork said, claiming the system freed her up for other more interesting ventures....

The “ventures” reference pretty much nails down her being blood kin of my Uncle Mort. His ventures, though, morph quickly into escapades.

He called the other day, eager to tell me about his “double-feature dream.” “There were two distinctively different dreams,” he claimed....

Thanksgiving thoughts may have caused the first one. “I dreamed the White House ended the tradition of sparing a turkey,” he related. “They decided — maybe in hopes of salvaging turkey votes — to spare all turkeys this year.”

If my eyes had been turned loose in a pinball

machine, they could not have rolled more.

He then detailed the “second feature” — the one he thinks perhaps was a vision — concerning handshakes....

With flu season at hand and Ebola scares still dominating many conversations, Mort recalled dreamland signs on every post promoting fist bumps over handshakes.

“I'm against bumping,” he fumed. “Next thing we know, the younger set will add grinding.” He contended that one can tell quite a bit about a man by his handshake — a custom usually in tandem with lookin' the other guy straight in the eye. He said handshakes used to be as good as contracts, and that “fist-bumping may have its place in the next century, but not in this one.”

He dreamed that he took it upon himself to hop on his golf cart, re-

placing all the fist-bumping promotions in his part of the thicket. His signs, splashed in bold, black letters on discarded shingles, read: “Shake Hands Anyway.”...

Mort said that life goes on, with most folks already bogged down with worries.

Awash in rants, he defended “good germs,” muttering, “They've got to get around, too.” He moaned about the world being engulfed by far too much information.

If you see Uncle Mort at the general store, he'll be glad to share dreams with you. And if a point of agreement comes up, why not shake on it? It's the American way....

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WINTERS— The tradition of having decorated Christmas Trees at the Rock Hotel will continue

this year.
Something new this year will be small decorated trees for sale in the Rock Hotel Gift Shop.
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The Rock Hotel Christmas Tree Committee is needing several groups to sign up. The first group are those that will be contributing financial assistance or tree decorations. The second group are those who would like to display their own decorated Christmas Trees. The third group is ones wanting to work on decorating and display the trees. The fourth are those that would like to rent the Rock Hotel for a private party and the fifth is the groups that would like to host one of the public visitation nights.
Host groups are also needed. There are groups that will be wanting to host a private function between December 1-20. The groups that will want their parties to be private will need to make special arrangements.

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